

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims**

1.-15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously Presented) A method of inhibiting the malignant progression of a tumor in a subject comprising the step of administering to the subject in which the malignant progression is to be inhibited a pharmacologically effective amount of a superoxide dismutase combined with gliadin.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 16, wherein the superoxide dismutase is a melon superoxide dismutase.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 16, wherein the superoxide dismutase combined with gliadin is a melon superoxide dismutase coated with gliadin.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 16, wherein the superoxide dismutase combined with gliadin is administered orally or parenterally.

20.-23. (Canceled)

24. (New) The method of Claim 16, wherein the tumor is a colon tumor.

25. (New) The method of Claim 16, wherein the tumor is a dormant tumor or a benign tumor.